Dear Jim, 1/26/77

Fortas' response to my letter mailed a.m. 1/24 was prompt and short:

"Thank you for taking the time and trouble to write your letter of January 23rd. I am at a loss to account for the apparently sudden appearance of the story in the Washington Post. At the present time, in any event, there is no need for me to trouble you. My best wishes..."

The man's lack of curiosity is curious in itself considering a) that story, b) the lapse of time, c) the timing and d) the lack of a second-day story.

Suits me although I'm sure he can add to what I've put together. Which may account for his detachment.

Anyway, Hunt will be pardoned.

Come spring the fields will be green again.

Best,